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An Easter or Thanksgiving Service For Children ...

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"The Children's Coronation."

(Tune: Coronation.)

"Hosanna! be the children's song
To Christ, the children's King—
His praise, to whom our souls belong,
Let all the children sing.

"Let every heart, to Jesus bring,
It's gift of grateful love,
And every voice in gladness sing,
As those in Heaven above.

"Hosanna! then, our song shall be,
Hosanna to our King!
This is the children's jubilee,
Let all the children sing."

Mrs. Kennedy's Special Songs and Services, 42.

Congregation—
"Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights."

Boys—
"Praise ye Him, all His angels."

Girls—
"Praise ye Him, all His hosts."

Boys—
"Praise ye Him, sun and moon."

Girls—
"Praise Him all ye stars of light."

Boys—
"Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens."

Girls—
"And ye waters that be above the heavens."

All—
"Let them praise the name of the Lord."

Boys—
"Kings of the earth and all people."

Girls—
"Princes and all judges of the earth."

All—
"Both young men and maidens; old men and children: Let them praise the name of the Lord." Ps. 148: 1–5; 11–13.

Prayer.

Praise Him! Praise Him!

"Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, oh earth!—His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! hail Him! highest archangels in glory,
Strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long;
Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness,
Praise Him! praise Him! ever in joyful song.

"Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heavenly portals, loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth forever and ever;
Crown Him! crown Him! Prophet, and Priest, and King!
Christ is coming! over the world victorious,
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong;
Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness,
Praise Him! praise Him! ever in joyful song."

Gospel Hymns No. 5, p. 4.

Pastor or S. S. Supt.—
Let us now tell some of the reasons why we should praise the Lord.

Leader—
"Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

Congregation—
"Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."

Leader—
"Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies."

Congregation—
"Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Ps. 103:2–5.

Leader—
"He causeth grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man, that he may bring food out of the earth."

Ps. 104:14.

Congregation—
"Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God."

Leader—
"Who covereth the heavens with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains."

Ps. 147:7, 8.

All—
"Oh, Lord! how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy riches."

Ps. 104:24.

Recitation.

"How dearly God must love us,
And this poor world of ours,
To spread blue skies above us,
And deck the earth with flowers.

"There's not a weed so lowly,
Nor bird that cleaves the air,
But tells, in accents holy,
His kindness and His care.

"He bids the sun to warm us,
And light the path we tread;
He gives our needful clothing,
And sends our daily bread.

"The Bible, too, He sends us,
That tells of Jesus' love,
Oh! may God's kindness lead us,
To Him who dwells above."

S. W. PARTRIDGE.

Singing— TUNE: Wis Pflugen.

"We plough the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.
All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, Oh! thank the Lord
For all His love.

"He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey Him,
By Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us His children,
He gives our daily bread.
All good gifts, etc.

"We thank Thee, then, oh! Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food;
No gifts have we to offer
For all Thy love imparts,
But that which Thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.
All good gifts, etc."

New Pres. Hymnal, p. 709.

Pastor or S. S. Supt —

What has Jesus done for each of us, for which we should thank and praise Him?

Recitation for Six Boys.

1st Boy—

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy. which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2: 10-11.

2d Boy—

"And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him." Luke 2: 40.

3d Boy—

"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor, He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind; to set at liberty them that are bruised.

"And he began to say unto them, This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears." Luke 4: 18-21.

4th Boy—

"And Jesus when He came out saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them." Mark 6: 34.

"And when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases, brought them unto Him, and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them." Luke 4: 40.

5th Boy—

"Then He took unto Him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man shall be accomplished.

"For He shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked and spitefully entreated, and spit upon.

"And they shall scourge Him and put Him to death; and the third day He shall rise again" Luke 18: 31-33.

6th Boy—

"And when they were come to the place called Calvary, then they crucified Him and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left." Luke 23: 33.

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Singing— TUNE: Miriam

What Can I Do For Jesus?

"What can I do for Jesus
Who died that I might live!
I have no precious jewels,
No costly gems to give;
My hands are weak to labor,
But all my earthly days
My lips shall tell His story,
My tongue repeat His praise!

"What can I do for Jesus!
The Lord who loved me so!
He left His throne in glory
To suffer here below!
I'll listen when He calls me,
I'll live for Him alone;
And since His blood has bought me,
I'll give Him back His own."

Special Songs and Services, p. 82. —*Emily Huntington Miller.*

Pastor or Supt.—
What happened after Christ's death which gives us cause for glad thanksgiving to-day.

Leader—
"And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the Mother of James, and Salome, had brought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Him." Mark 16:1

Congregation—
"And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun." Mark 16:2

Leader—
"And they said among themselves, who shall roll us away the stone from the sepulchre?" Mark 16:3

Congregation—
"And when they had looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away, for it was very great." Mark 16:4

Leader—
"And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment, and they were affrighted." Mark 16:5

Congregation—
"And he saith unto them—Be not affrighted, ye seek Jesus of Nazareth which was crucified. He is risen—He is not here; behold the place where they laid Him." Mark 16:6

Recitation for Six Girls.

EASTER TIDE.

1st Girl—(Motion as if ringing bells)—

"Oh! bells in the steeple,
Ring out to all people,
That Christ is arisen, that Jesus is here;
Touch heaven's blue ceiling
With your happy pealing,
Oh! bells in the steeple, ring out full and clear.

2nd Girl—(Motioning as the rain falls)

"Oh! soft April showers,
Call out the young flowers,
Touch each little sleeper, and bid her obey!
Set daffodils blooming
And fresh grasses growing,
To thrill the old world on this new Easter day.

3rd Girl—(Holding lilies in her hand)—

"Oh! lilies so stately,
With petals so shapely,
Christ loved you and talked of your beauty of old,
Bend low in your places,
In tenderest graces,
While swinging before him your censers of gold.

4th Girl—(with violets)—

"Oh! violets tender,
Your shy tribute render,
Tie round your wet faces your soft hoods of blue;
And carry your sweetness,
Your dainty completeness,
To some tired hand that is longing for you.

5th Girl—(with pussy-willows)—

"Oh! velvet bloomed willows,
Go comfort sick pillows,
With visions of meadow-lands peaceful and brown,
The breath of spring lingers
Within your cold fingers,
And the brook's song is caught in your fringes of down.

6th Girl—

"Oh! world bowed and broken,
With anguish unspoken,
Take heart and be glad, for the Lord is not dead.
On some bright to-morrow
Your black cloud of sorrow
Will break in a sweet rain of joy on your head!

All—(with motion)—

"Oh! bells in the steeple, ring out to all people,
That Christ is risen, that Jesus is here;
Touch Heaven's blue ceiling,
With your happy pealing,
Oh! bells in the steeple, ring out full and clear."

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Present the school work of the Woman's Executive Committee.

Pastor or Supt.—
Are there any who have never heard these glad tidings?

Girls—
"And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." John 10:16.

Boys—
"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Matt. 9:36.

Pastor or Supt.—
What may we do for these "lost sheep," to show our gratitude for having known of Jesus' Life, Death, and Resurrection?

Girls—
"Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1: 8.

Boys—
"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16: 15.

Pastor or Supt.—
All cannot "Go." Is there any other way of showing gratitude?

Girls—
"Freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10: 8.

Boys—
"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." 2 Cor. 9: 8.

Girls—
"Being enriched to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor. 9: 11.

Boys—
"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7

Recitation.

GIRL AND BOY.

Girl—

"We are only little children,
But we long to serve our King.
In His word he clearly shows us,
Just what service we may bring.

"We can only do a little,
But that little blessed will be.
For our Jesus says—'A wee thing
Done in love is done for Me.'

"There are many little children
Knowing naught of love divine,
But our Heavenly Father
Says—"These children too, are mine."

"And he bids us *go* and teach them
Of the Father kind and good,
And of Christ who came to save them
By the shedding of His blood.

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Boy—

"What can little children do
For those who are lost in sin?
How can they enter the 'open gates'
To carry the glad news in?

"Our little feet are too small to march
In step with the mighty throng;
But is there no work we can do for the King?
For our love is true and strong.

"To every one He has given a part,
And this is the children's share:
To willingly give of their own to the Lord,
And send it forth with a prayer."

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Pastor or Supt.—

Who will receive our gifts and send them where they are needed?

All—

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